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Wider load ahead

LANSING – Under legislation passed Tuesday in the Senate, Michigan residents would be allowed to haul wider trailers, Sen. Ron Jelinek announced today.

Jelinek's Senate Bill 736, would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to add "all trailers" to the list of motor vehicles that cannot exceed an outside body width of 102 inches.

Current Michigan law already allows buses, trailer coaches, truck campers and motor homes to be up to 102 inches wide, but limits all other trailers to 96 inches.

"Many Michigan residents haul snowmobile and Jet Ski trailers on a regular basis, and since most of these trailers exceed 96 inches, these residents are unintentionally in violation of the law, probably unknowingly," said Jelinek, R-Three Oaks. "Adding trailers to the list of wider width vehicles is a common sense move and will help protect our state's tourism industry."

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